GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5339
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CAPITAL PUNISHMENT TO RAPISTS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal is under consideration of the Government to award capital punishment to rapists;

(b) if so, the time by which a decision is likely to be taken thereon; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be implemented ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D. SWAMI)

(a) to (c): The Rape Laws have exhaustively been reviewed by the Law Commission of India which has recommended amendments to the Procedural and Penal laws. Death as a sentence for rape has not been recommended. Therefore, the Government has deferred its proposal for amending the Indian Penal Code to provide death as one of penalties for the offence of rape.